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SUBJECT: FIRST RACIAL VIOLENCE IN DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG

RACIAL VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN JOHANNESBURG
TODAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AS POLICE MOVED IN TO
DISPERSE A BLACK DEMONSTRATION IN A DOWNTOWN
COMMERCIAL AREA. POLICE DISPERSED CROWD,
ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED BLACKS, WHEN
BLACKS BEGAN BREAKING STOREFRONT WINDOWS.
POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TEN BLACK MALES,
APPARENTLY INDISCRIMINATELY, AS IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO TELL WHO WAS THROWING ROCKS.
IT DID NOT APPEAR EXCESSIVE FORCE WAS USED
AND NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. TENSION WAS HIGH AT
SCENE WITH POSSIBILITY OF MORE ARRESTS. IN-
CIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED AS REST
OF CITY REMAINS CALM, ALTHOUGH NEWS OF DEMONSTRATION
TRANSMITTED QUICKLY THROUGHOUT AREA.

COMMENT: BPAO WAS INFORMED EVENING BEFORE (SEPTEMBER 22)
THAT BLACK STUDENT LEADERS IN SOWETO WERE
PLANNING DOWNTOWN INCIDENT.
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